

# Application Table: A Bridge Connecting the Designing “With-The-Material” and “The-Material”

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*Innovative solutions through  
foundational research and  
cross-cutting tools*

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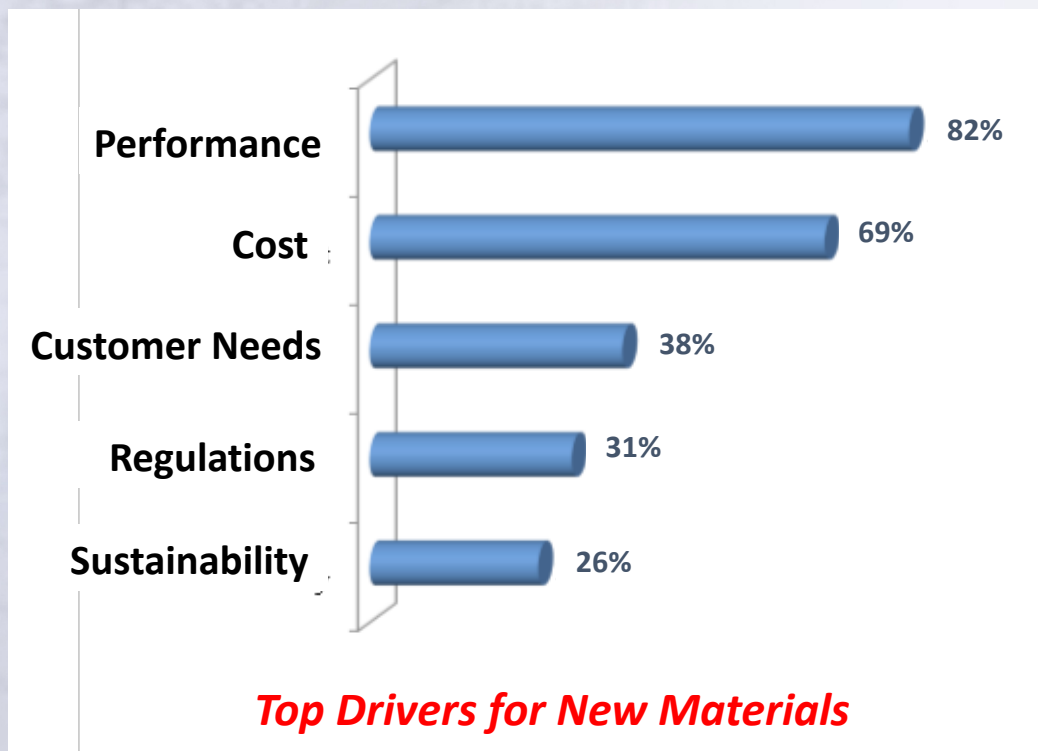
1. Motivation and Overview of the Application Table
2. Application Table Schema
  - Demonstrate the attributes through a blade-disc-rotor assembly
3. The Role of the Application Table in ICME
4. Conclusion/Summary



# Rapid Material Innovation Essential For Top Performing Organizations



Top Performing Organizations - rate **New Materials** as one of **THE MOST IMPORTANT** factors in meeting their innovation goals.

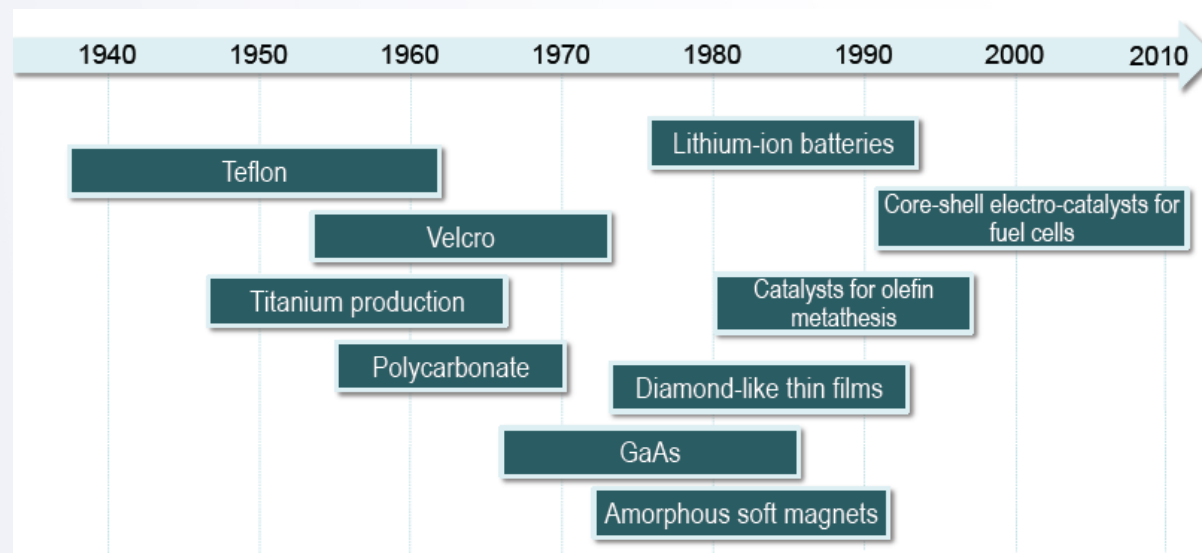


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## Historical Material Development Time Unfortunately Measured in Decades



After Gerd Ceder (MIT); materials information from T. W. Eagar and M. King, Technology Review 98 (2), 42 (1995).  
Catalysis information from R. Schrock et al. and R. Adzic et al.



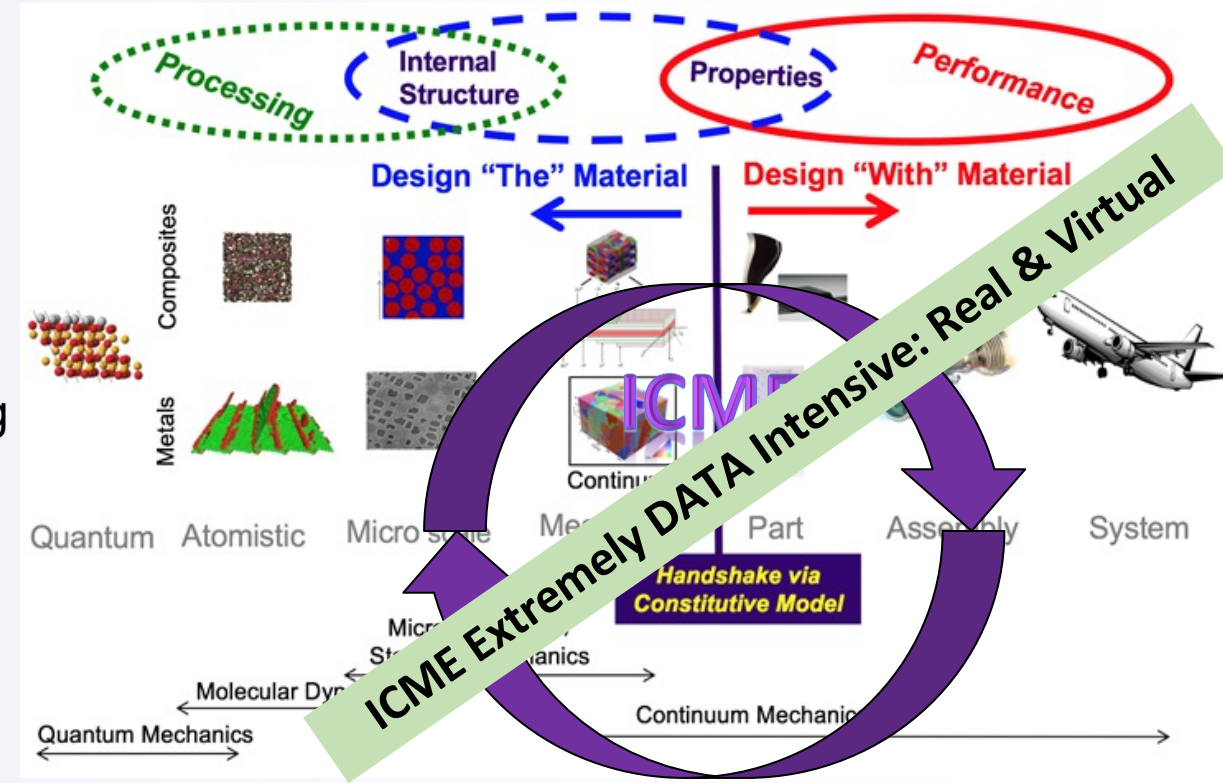
Recently, Prof. Olsen demonstrated that if **potentials are known** for material class, material development can be shortened to 3-5 years

# Integrated Computational Materials Engineering (ICME)

## Enables Innovation



- **ICME** enables the design of “fit-for-purpose” materials
  - Requires linking experimentally validated materials models at multiple length scales
  - Requires understanding processing-structure-properties-performance relationships
  - Requires fusing of multidisciplinary information (material science vs structural engineering viewpoint)
- Traditional engineering has been split between two paradigms
  - “Design with the Material” – Structural
  - “Design the Material” – Material



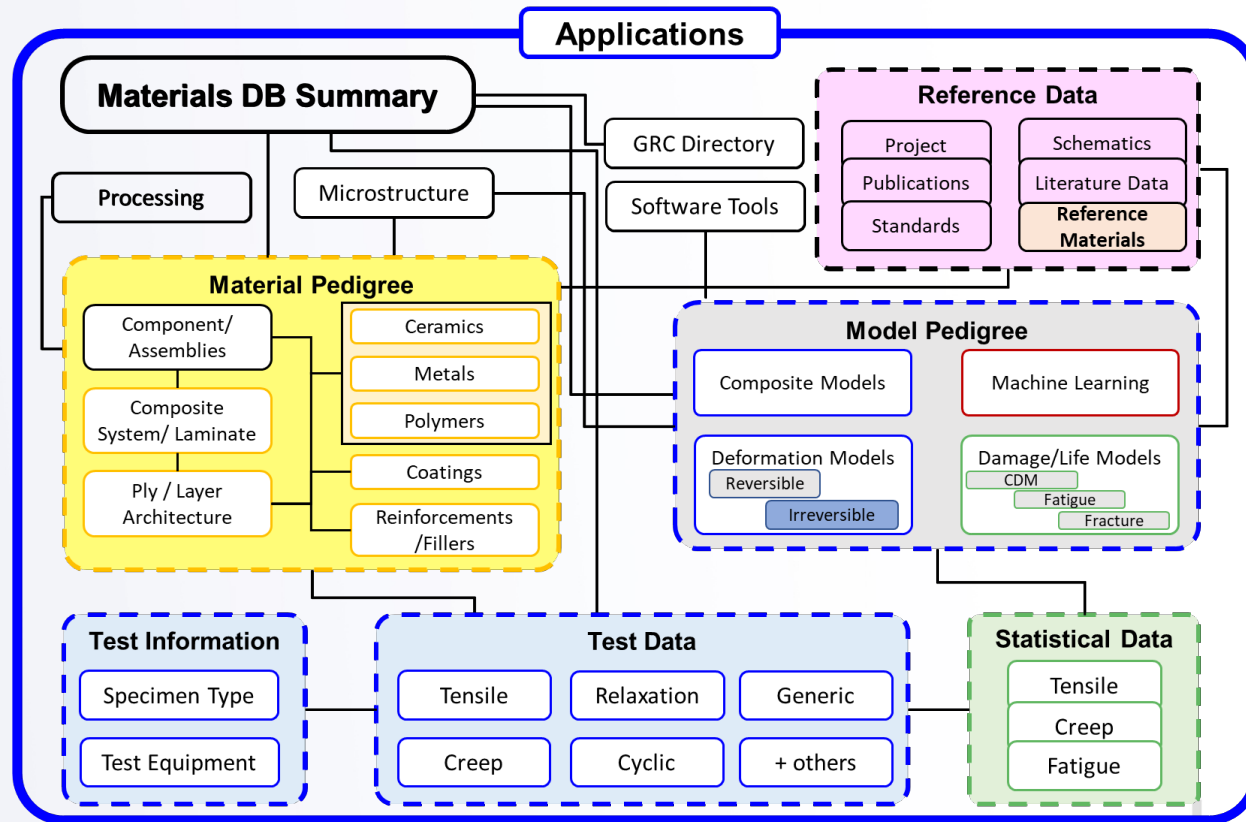
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# NASA GRC's ICME Schema

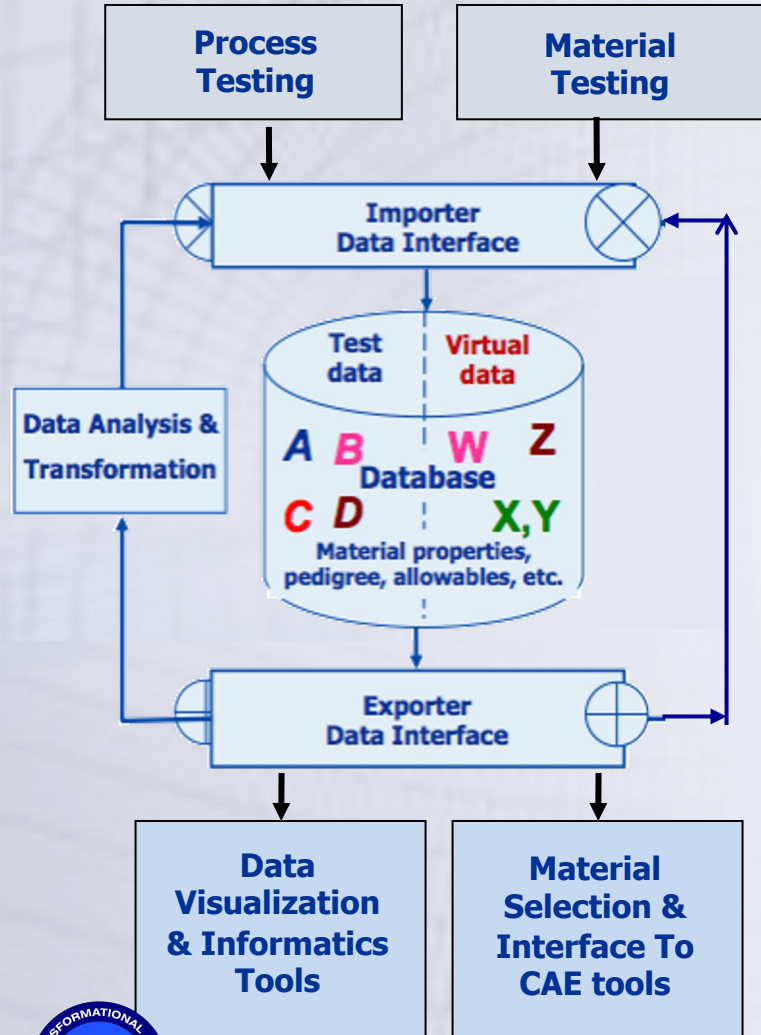
Application Table takes center stage as central location for:

- Storing material and application performance requirements and criteria
- Providing unique location to link CAD/PLM/SDM information to materials information
- Orchestrating material selection and/or “fit-for-purpose” design
- Storing spatial and temporal information on application microstructure, residuals, damage, etc.
- Maintaining **Digital Thread** and material **Digital Twins**

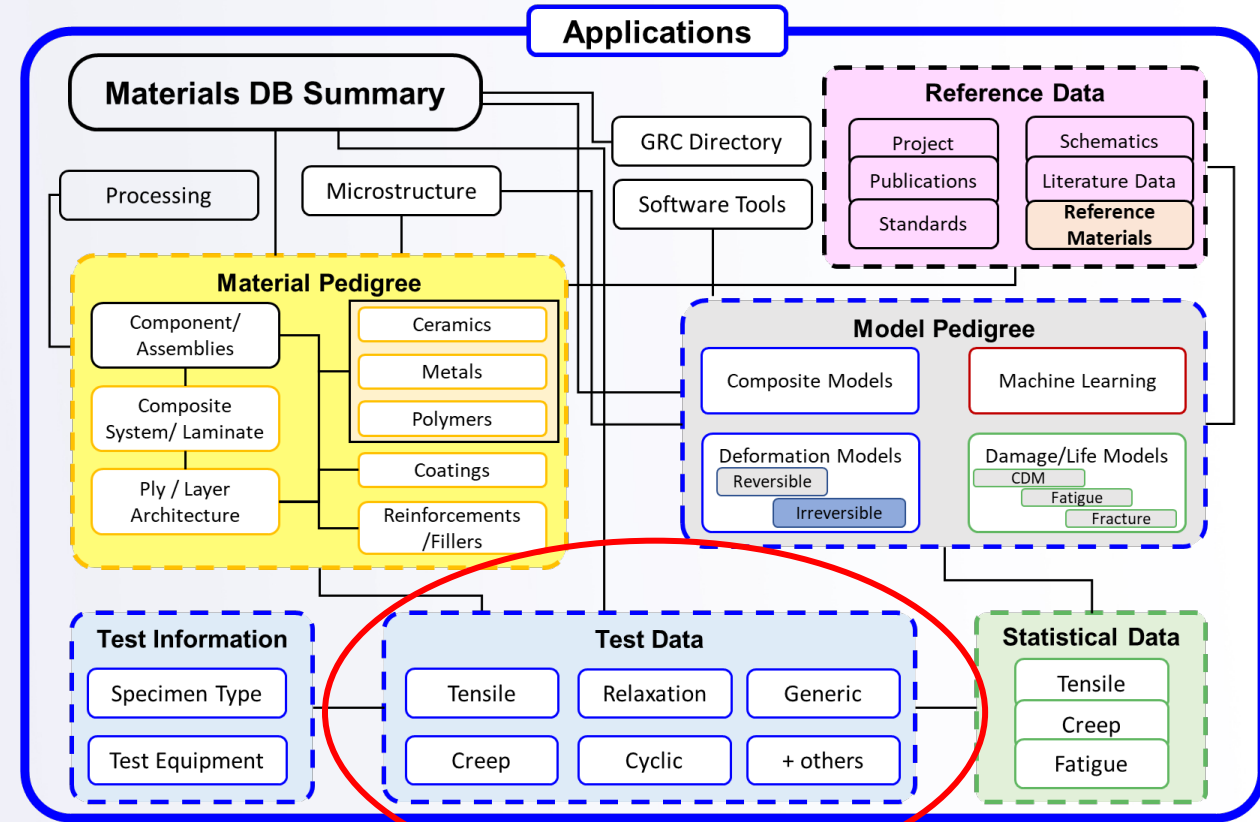




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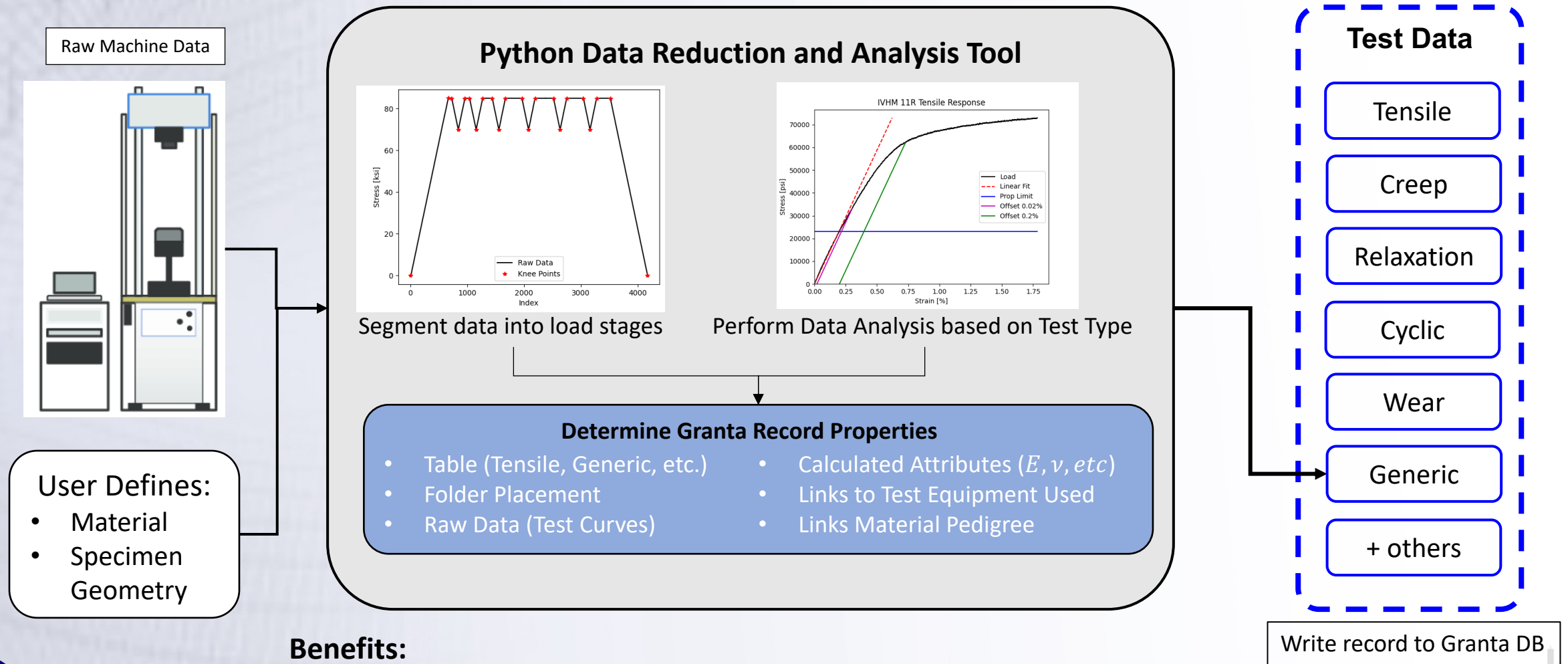
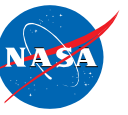


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# Automatic Data Analysis and Database Placement Via APIs

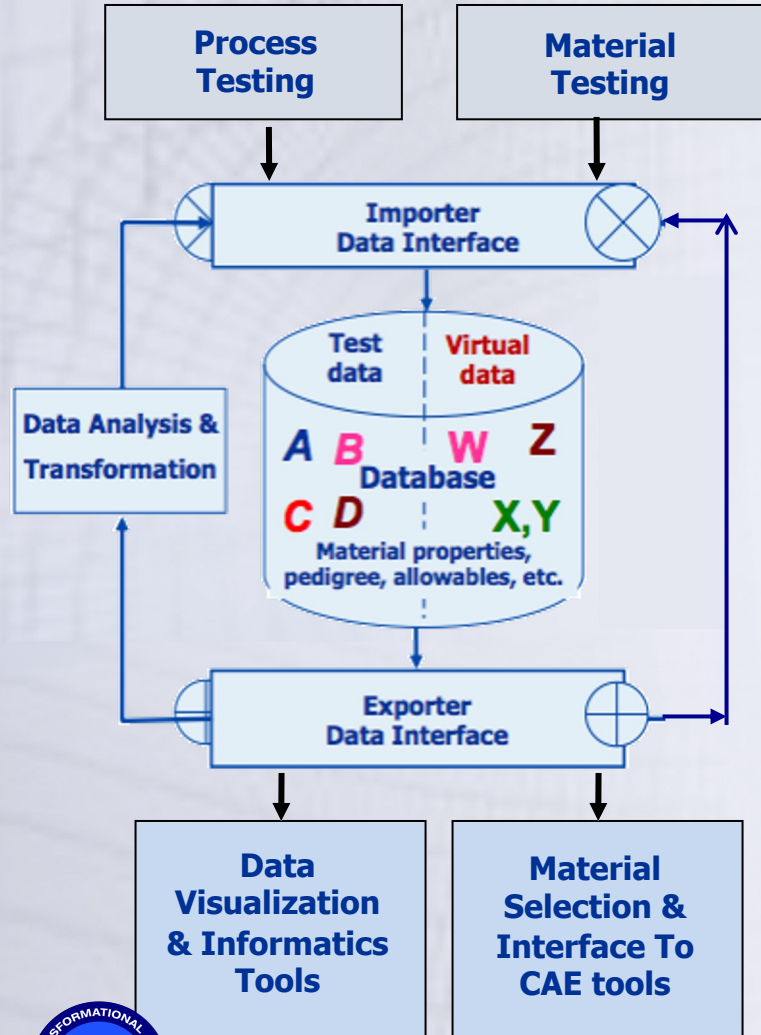


## Benefits:

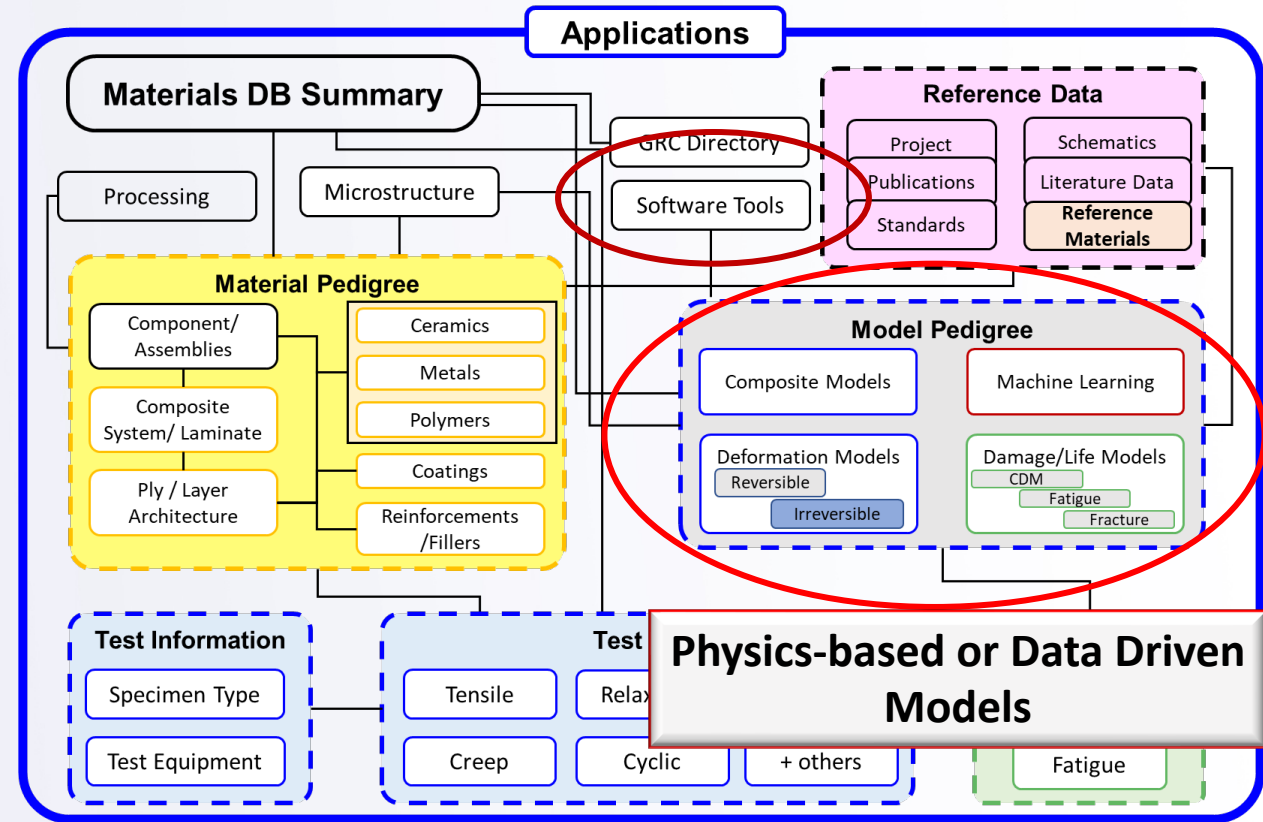
- Consistent and significant data analysis/reduction
- Ease of importation of data with maximum automation included



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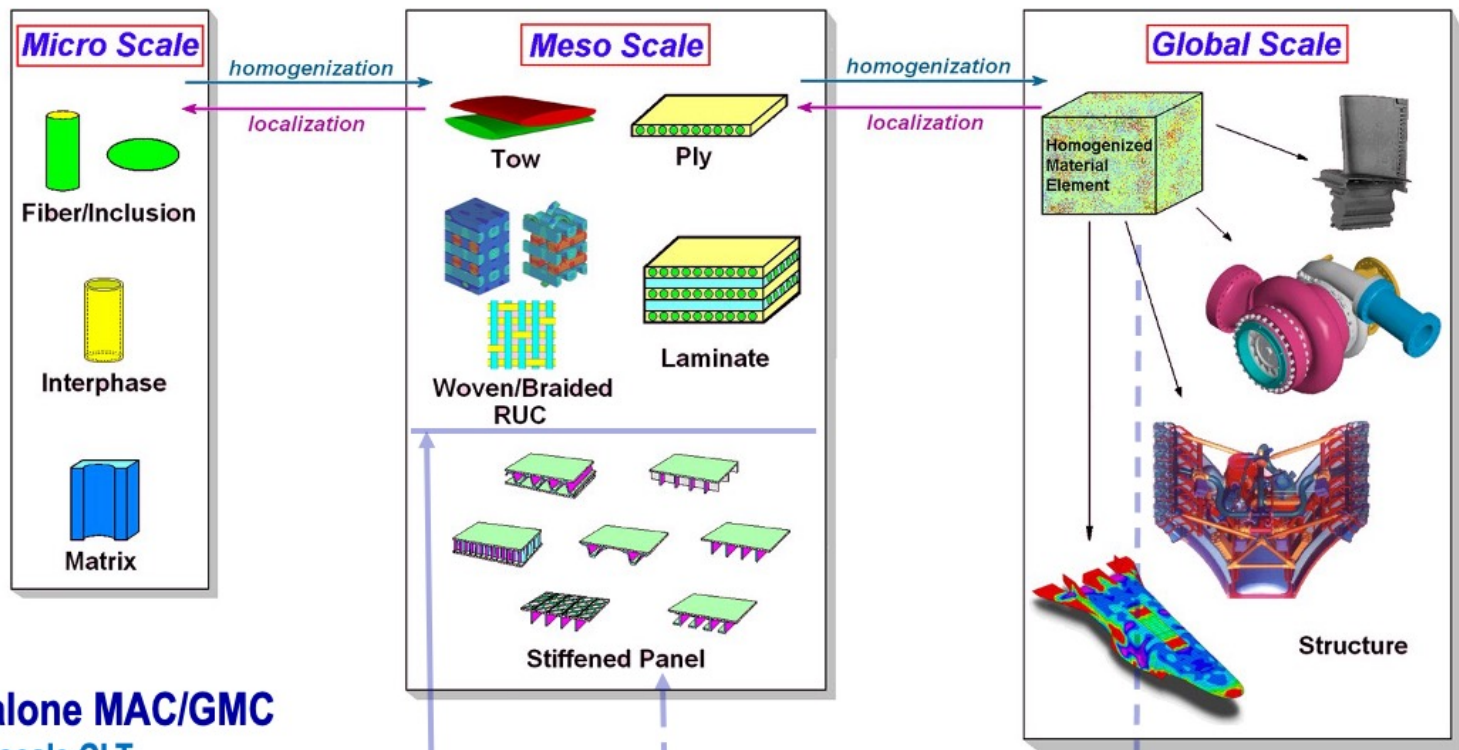
# Illustration of Multiscale Database Management in ICME



Design the material | Design with the material

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## Multiscale Toolset: ImMAC suite



### Stand-alone MAC/GMC

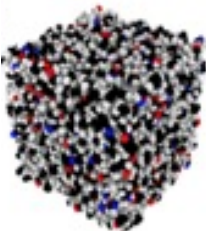
- Multiscale CLT
- Multiscale GMC

### HyperMAC (Implemented within HyperSizer)

### FEAMAC (Implemented within Abaqus) ; NASMAT (thread safe – HPC compatible)

## Nanoscale

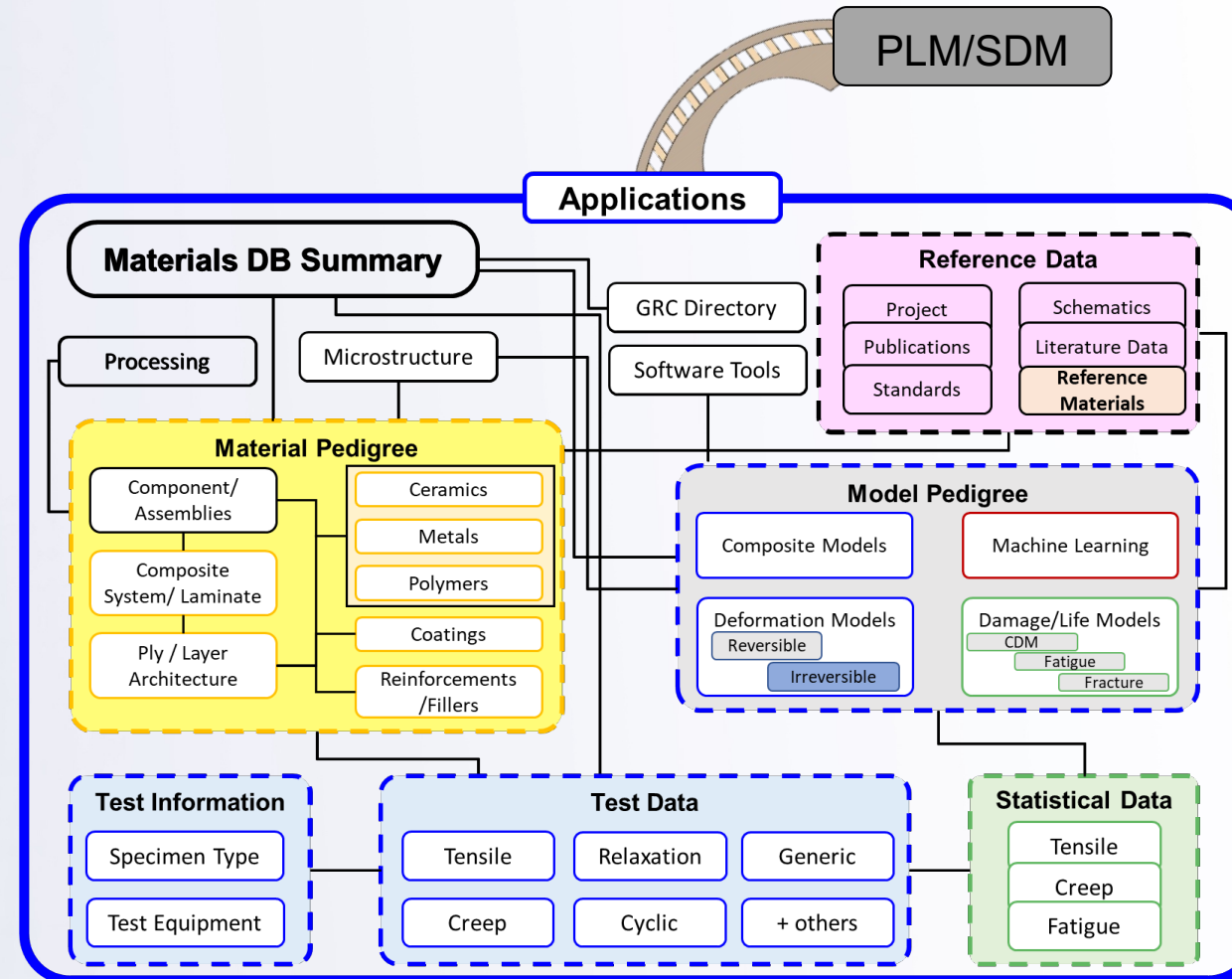
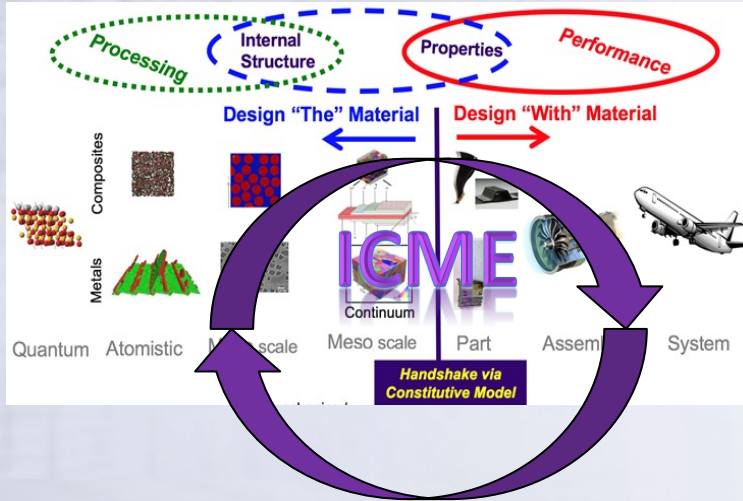
- Nanoparticles /fillers
- Resin chemistry characterization
- Molecular Dynamics simulations



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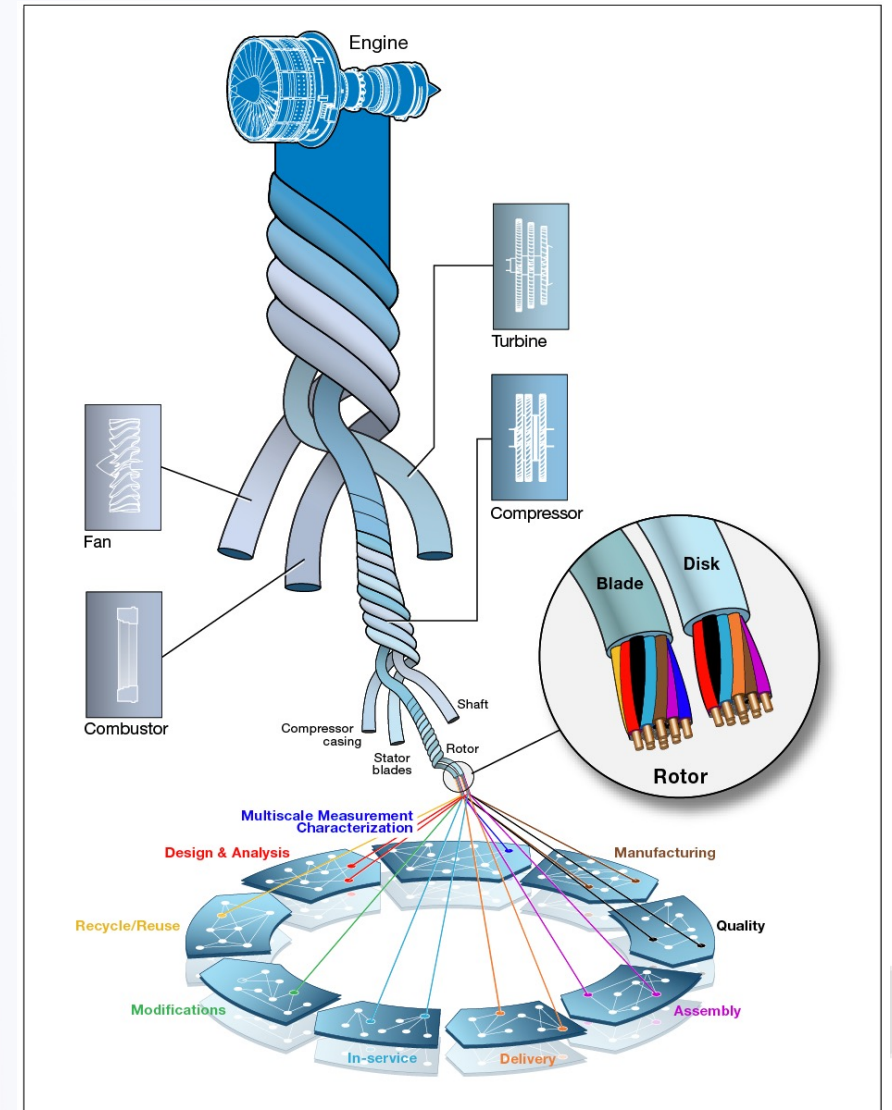
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# Application Table Able to Store System of Systems

- System of system storage philosophy
  - Both **assemblies, sub-assemblies, parts** are stored in individual records
  - (Sub) Assembly records relate part records in the *Application Table* to the application define (sub) assembly level specifications/requirements
    - Recursive linking allows maintenance of a system of systems
  - Part records relate material information in *other tables* to the application and define part level specifications/requirements
- Orchestrates the interdependence between material and structural performance enabling optimal design





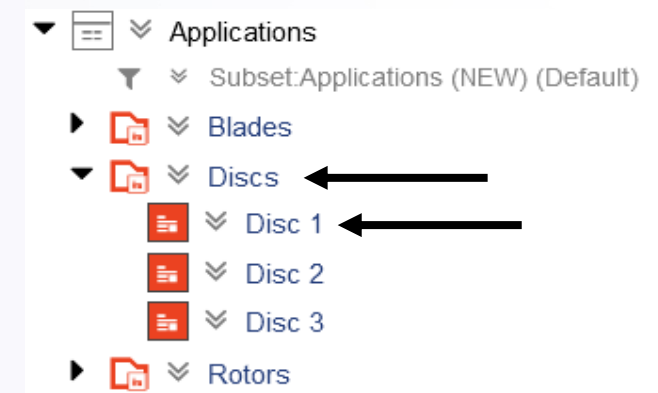
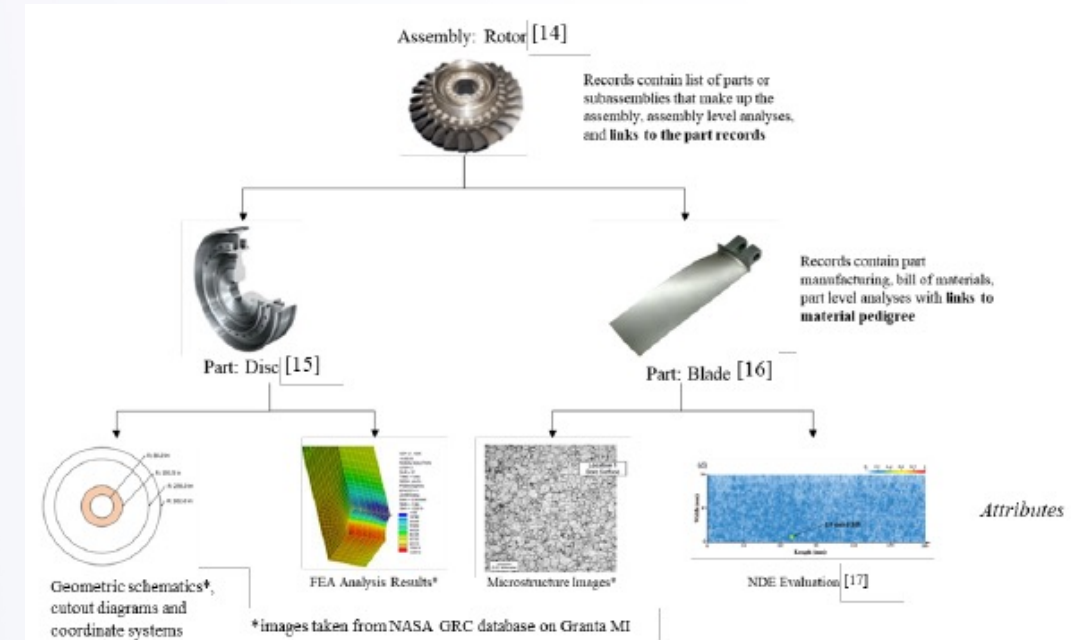
# Application Table Schema

- Attributes and Layout defined to handle any type of application or requirements
  - Nine major categories specified with associated attributes
    - Associated requirements are dispersed throughout three major category (Geometric, Performance, Material)
    - Can be application-based or spatial (allow definition of design points)
    - Contains evaluation criteria (Analysis Performed and results (Scorecards and Readiness Levels) for the requirements
- Granta MI Tabular attribute type used extensively due to its flexibility and generality
  - Significant number of additional attributes associated with each column of a tabular attribute
  - Each row can represent different specifications

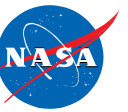
Attribute	Type	Attribute	Type
<b>General Information</b>		<b>Analyses Performed</b>	
Application Name	STXT	Analyses Performed	TABL
Application Description	LTXT	Analyses Performed (Subcomponents)	TABL
Data Ownership	DCT	Analyses Profiles	TABL
Data Ownership (Other)	STXT	Load Profiles	TABL
Distribution Category	DCT	Analyses Range Definitions	TABL
Funding Organization	STXT	<b>Failure Mechanism/Modes</b>	
Performing Organization	STXT	Failure Mode and Effect Analysis	TABL
Project Name	STXT	<b>Material Selection/Requirements</b>	
Project Code	STXT	Material Requirements*	TABL
Project Notes	LTXT	Part List	TABL
Point of Contact	TABL	Bill of Materials*	TABL
<b>Geometric/Manufacturing Requirements</b>		Software Tools Used**	TABL
Owner Information	TABL	Selection Criteria	FILE
Surface Area	RNG	Property File	FILE
Volume	RNG	Material Selection Assumptions	LTXT
Bounding Box Dimensions	LTXT	<b>Inspection</b>	
CAD/CAE Link	HYP	Inspectability Notes	LTXT
Manufacturing Process	DCT	Evaluator	TABL
Manufacturing Process (Other)	STXT	NDE Method	DCT
Geometric Schematic Time History	TABL	NDE Geometry	TABL
Geometric Description	TABL	Equipment	TABL
Coordinate System Definitions	TABL	Examination	TABL
Design Points / Points of Interest*	TABL	Calibration	TABL
Geometric Notes	LTXT	Testing Parameters	TABL
Manufacturing Requirements*	TABL	NDE Images	TABL
Part Yield	RNG	NDE Comments	LTXT
Surface Treatment	DCT	NDE Information	FILE
Manufacturing Notes	LTXT	<b>Scorecards</b>	
Microstructure Profile	TABL	Requirements Scorecard*	TABL
<b>Performance Requirements</b>		Risk Scorecard*	TABL
Weight	RNG	<b>Readiness Levels</b>	
Life	RNG	Technology Readiness Level (TRL)	DCT
Cost	RNG	Manufacturing Readiness Level (MRL)	DCT
Risk	DCT	Integration Readiness Level (IRL)	DCT
Storage Energy	RNG	System Readiness Level (SRL)	DCT
Ultimate Strength	RNG	* Changed with feature request ** Removed with feature request	
Performance Standards*	TABL	DCT	Discrete Text (specified choices)
Mechanical Requirements*	TABL	FILE	Allows the association of any file type to a given record
Thermal Requirements*	TABL	HYP	Hyperlink to a web address
Environmental Requirements*	TABL	IMG	Allows the association of any image format to a given record
Other Performance Requirements*	TABL	LTXT	Long Text Field
Performance Notes	LTXT	PNT	Point Value
Form/Fit/Function Notes	LTXT	RNG	Range Variable
		STXT	Short Text Field
		TABL	Tabular Attribute

# Demonstration Through Example: Rotor Assembly

- Rotor Assembly
  - Define *Application Table* records for **parts** (e.g., disc, blade), and **assemblies** (e.g., rotor), where the part records are *linked* to the assembly records
- General Folder Organization
  - Each application has a **generic record** that contains typical requirements, approved materials, etc. for the application *in general*
    - Use this information in the early stages of design
  - **Records within** each generic record relate to specific applications/parts to be produced
    - Use this record as a part of the **digital thread** for the actual part
- Examine 6/71 attributes to enable one to get a feeling for breadth of information contained within the Application Table



# Geometric/Manufacturing Requirements



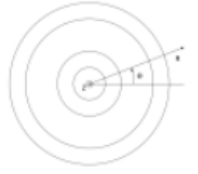
## Design Points/Points of Interest

- Define coordinate systems through a tabular attribute to allow for multiple
  - Define rotation matrices between systems
  - Rotation matrix is assumed from current row to row above
- Design Points/Points of Interest used for spatial requirements
  - User defines an ID, the component / zone the point lies in, its position in a coordinate system, and a schematic
  - Currently assuming all points are defined on its nearest above schematic to avoid repeating the same schematic for each row

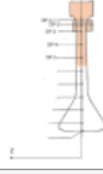

Coordinate System Definitions

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Name	Schematic	Description	Rotation Matrix to Next CS
Global		Polar coordinate system	

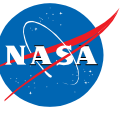
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Point ID	Component / Zone ID	Schematic	Coordinate System	R (in)	$\Theta$ (°)	Z (in)
DP-1	D1-1		Global	86.0	0	0
DP-2	D1-1		Global	102	0	0
DP-3	D1-1		Global	127.0	0	0
DP-4	D1-1		Global	152	0	0
DP-5	D1-1		Global	178	0	0
DP-6	D1-2		Global	203	0	0
DP-7	D1-2		Global	229	0	0
DP-8	D1-2		Global	254.0	0	0
DP-9	D1-2		Global	279	0	0
DP-10	D1-2		Global	293	0	0
DP-11	D1-2		Global	302	0	0



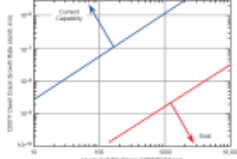


# Performance Requirements



## Application-Specific Requirements

- Use tabular attributes for application specific requirements
  - Users can define requirements as target values (spatially dependent) or as logical (Y/N)
    - Use LTXT column types for full flexibility
- Separated into 4 categories: Mechanical, Thermal, Environmental, Other

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Name	Design Point ID	Image	Description	Functional Data Pairs	Target	Units	Equation (Y/N)?		
Creep vs. Crack Growth			The part must operate in the defined Hours to 0.2% Creep vs 1200	[0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10] [0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100]			No		
Radial Deflection	DP-1 DP-2 DP-3 DP-4 DP-5 DP-6 DP-7 DP-8 DP-9 DP-10		The maximum allowed radial deflection as a function of position.		0.698 0.746 0.829 0.935 1.093 1.260 1.423 1.589 1.763 1.860	mm	No	<a href="#">Save as CSV</a>	<a href="#">Copy To Clipboard</a>



# Analyses Performed

## Part Level (Disc)

- Store a **summary** of the analyses performed and results with links to the PLM/SDM

Analyses Performed [Hide table](#)

Component / Zone ID	Analysis ID	Analysis Description	Analysis Type	Date Performed	PLM/SDM/CAE Link
D1	D1-1A	Creep at 1200°F, Hold at 125 ksi for 1000 hrs	Mechanical - Static	Monday, October 3, 2022	<a href="#">D1-1A_Creep_125ksi.wbpj</a>
D1	D1-2A	Effective strain during 60 sec dwell	Mechanical - Static	Friday, October 7, 2022	<a href="#">D1-2A_Dwell_60s.wbpj</a>
D1	D1-3A	Cooling Rate (°F/min) during Quenching	Thermal	Tuesday, October 11, 2022	<a href="#">D1-3A_Cooling_Quench.wbpj</a>

Summary of what analyses were done

Analyses Profiles [Hide table](#)

Analysis ID	Component ID	Design Point ID	Analyzed Profile	Design Point Results - Values	Design Point Results - Property	Design Point Results - Units
D1-1A	D1-1	DP-1	<p>P/W DEN, Supersolvus MS-16W Creep 1200°F LS = 2, Hold 125 ksi for 1000 hrs</p>	252.6	Max. Principle Stress	MPa
	D1-1	DP-2		287.4		
	D1-1	DP-3		321.1		
	D1-1	DP-4		385.9		
	D1-1	DP-5		387.2		
	D1-2	DP-6		395.5		
	D1-2	DP-7		400.1		
	D1-2	DP-8		402.8		
	D1-2	DP-9		435.1		
	D1-2	DP-10		467.1		
D1-2A	D1-1	DP-1	<p>Q10411 Q11107002 Q12100000</p>	2.20	Effective Strain (R-Direction)	%
	D1-1	DP-2		2.09		
	D1-1	DP-3		1.98		
	D1-1	DP-4		1.76		
	D1-1	DP-5		1.54		
	D1-2	DP-6		1.52		
	D1-2	DP-7		1.67		
	D1-2	DP-8		1.84		
	D1-2	DP-9		1.99		
	D1-2	DP-10		2.05		

Summary of the critical results. Design Point Values is LTXT to enable concise definition for each Design Point

# Analyses Performed



## Assembly Level (Rotor)

- Analyses Performed and Analyses Profile attributes are defined in the Application Table for that part or assembly
- For assembly records, an additional attribute – Analyses Performed (Subcomponents) – shows the analyses that have been performed on the subcomponents
  - Links to the Analyses Performed attribute for the parts

Rotor 1						
Analysis Results						
Analyses Performed (Subcomponents)				Hide table		
Part Record	Component / Zone ID	Analysis ID	Analysis Description	Analysis Type	Date Performed	Analyst Name
Blade 1	B1	B1-1A	Stress Analysis at operating temperature	Mechanical - Static	Thursday, October 13, 2022	Brandon Hearley
	D1	D1-1A	Creep at 1200°F, Hold at 125 ksi for 1000 hrs	Mechanical - Static	Tuesday, October 11, 2022	Brandon Hearley
Disc 1	D1	D1-2A	Effective strain during 60 sec dwell	Mechanical - Static	Tuesday, October 11, 2022	Steven Arnold
	D1	D1-3A	Cooling Rate (°F/min) during Quenching	Thermal	Tuesday, October 11, 2022	Brandon Hearley





# Material Requirements/selection



## Material Requirements

- Material Requirements list requirements for the materials to be chosen
  - Takes similar form to Mechanical, Thermal, etc. Requirement tabular in the Performance Requirements heading
  - Can be component/zone-defined or design point/point of interest-defined

Material Requirements					
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Name	Component / Zone ID	Design Point ID	Description	Target	Units
Maximum Temperature (Hub)	D1-1		Maximum operating temperature for the material	750	°C
Maximum Temperature (Tip)	D1-2		Maximum operating temperature for the material	1000	°C
Yield Stress		DP-1	Minimum required yield stress for the material at the design point specified.	187	MPa
		DP-2		187	
		DP-3		191	
		DP-4		195	
		DP-5		200	
		DP-6		205	
		DP-7		208	
		DP-8		210	
		DP-9		212	
		DP-10		214	



# Material Requirements/selection



## Bill of Material (BOM)

- At the part level, the Bill of Materials is populated
  - Define the *materials* used in each component/zone

Component / Zone ID	Component Name	Material	Material Class	Density (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	Maximum Temperature (°F)	Environment	Hazardous	Machinability	Weldability	Cost (\$/g)	Material Accessibility	Elastic Modulus (Isotropic) (10 <sup>6</sup> psi)
D1-1	Disc Hub Material	LowTemp Titanium Alloy	Metal	281	2500	High Temperature	No	Yes	Yes	100	Tier I	17.4

Properties viewed from the Refence Material Table

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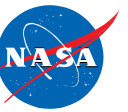
- Desired material properties are in various tables across different database (NASA GRC, Material Universe, etc.)
- We can only link to one table in the GRC database to view material properties

### Work-around:

- Created a Reference Material Table that summarizes all material information with the same nomenclature
- Copying information from other databases into this table




# Material Requirements/selection



## Parts List

- At the assembly level, the Parts List is populated
  - Define the *parts (applications)* used in the assembly

 Rotor 1

Material Selection/Requirements

Part List [Hide table](#)

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Application Name ⇅	Quantity ⇅	Weight (Each) (lbf) ⇅	Cost (Each) (\$) ⇅	Life (hr) ⇅	Risk ⇅
Disc 1	1	$250 \leq x \leq 500$	2000	10000	Medium
Blade 1	16	5	1000	10	Low

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Links to the Application  
Table “Part” records

Define Quantities of Each

**View** properties from the Application Table part records

- No way currently to see the totals  
(i.e., multiple  $16 * 5$  to show the total blade weight)





# Scorecards



## Requirements Scorecards

- The Scorecards header gives a summary of the status of every requirement for the given application
  - **Issue:** Requirements could be best described as logical (Met/Not Met) or with a margin
    - Safety factor for DP 1 meets the requirement, but a value of 5 indicates overdesign and the need for material optimization
    - Whether or not the material's maximum temperature is below the operating temperature is better described logically
  - Ideally, each cell's type (PNT, LOG, etc.) could be set based on the requirement
  - **Work-around:** All types are long text

Requirements Scorecard

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Requirement Type	Requirement Name	Component / Zone	Design Point 1	Design Point 2	Design Point 3	Design Point 4	Design Point 5	Design Point 6	Design Point 7
Mechanical	Creep vs Crack Growth	Met	Could apply to the whole part or individual design points						
Mechanical	Safety Factor		5.0	3.5	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5
Thermal	Stress vs Temperature	Met	Could be logical (Met/Not Met) or a margin						
Material	Maximum Temperature		Not Met	Not Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met



# Readiness Levels

- Summarize the application through various readiness levels
  - Provide traceability as to why we're a certain readiness levels from scorecards

Readiness Levels	
Technology Readiness Level (TRL)	TRL 4
Manufacturing Readiness Level (MRL)	MRL 3
Integration Readiness Level (IRL)	IRL 5
System Readiness Level (SRL)	SRL 3

## Integration Readiness Levels

Level	IRL Description
1	An interface between technologies has been identified with sufficient detail to allow characterization of the relationship.
2	There is some level of specificity to characterize the interaction between technologies through their interface.
3	There is compatibility between technologies to orderly and efficiently integrate and interact.
4	There is sufficient detail in the quality and assurance of the integration between technologies.
5	There is sufficient control between technologies necessary to establish, manage, and terminate the integration.
6	The integrating technologies can accept, translate, and structure information for its intended application.
7	The integration of technologies has been verified and validated with sufficient detail to be actionable.

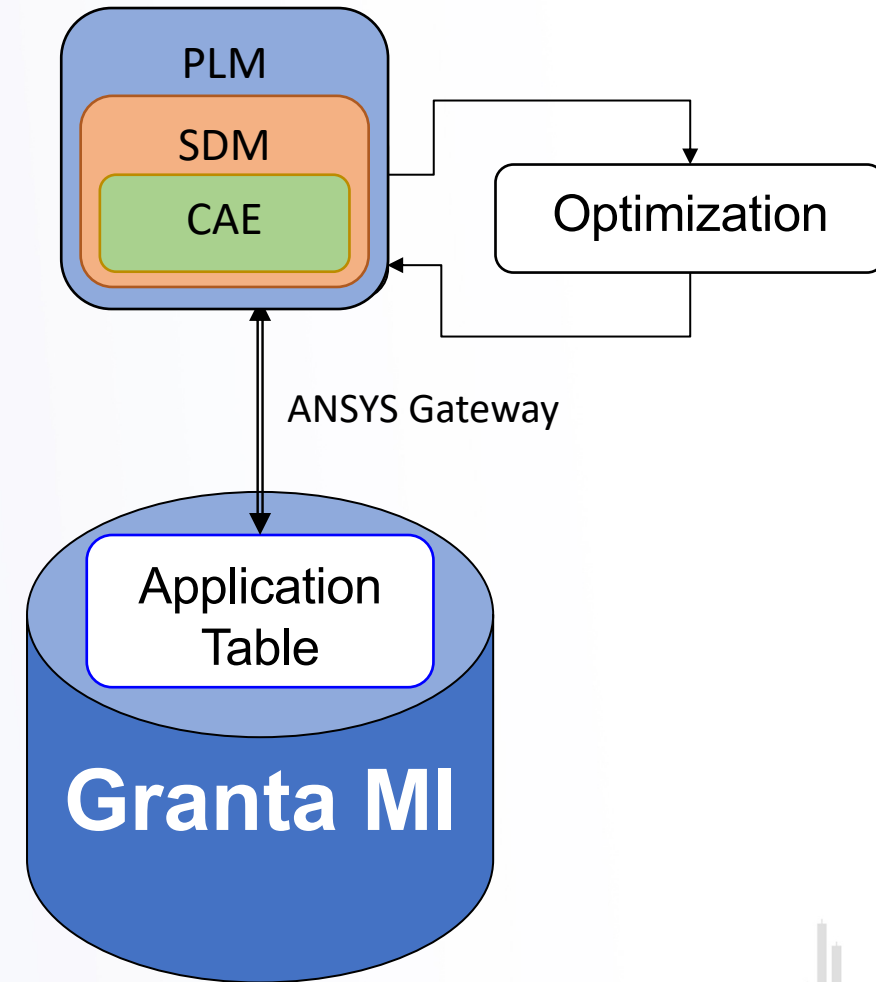
# Illustration of Utilization of Application Table

## Traditional Material Selection



- Select a known material based on application requirements
  - Use macroscale material properties (which incorporate all lower length scales effects)
- Iterate on the structural design until requirements in the PLM/SDM are met
  - If requirements cannot be met, select a new material

**Material and Structure viewpoints are non-concurrent!**

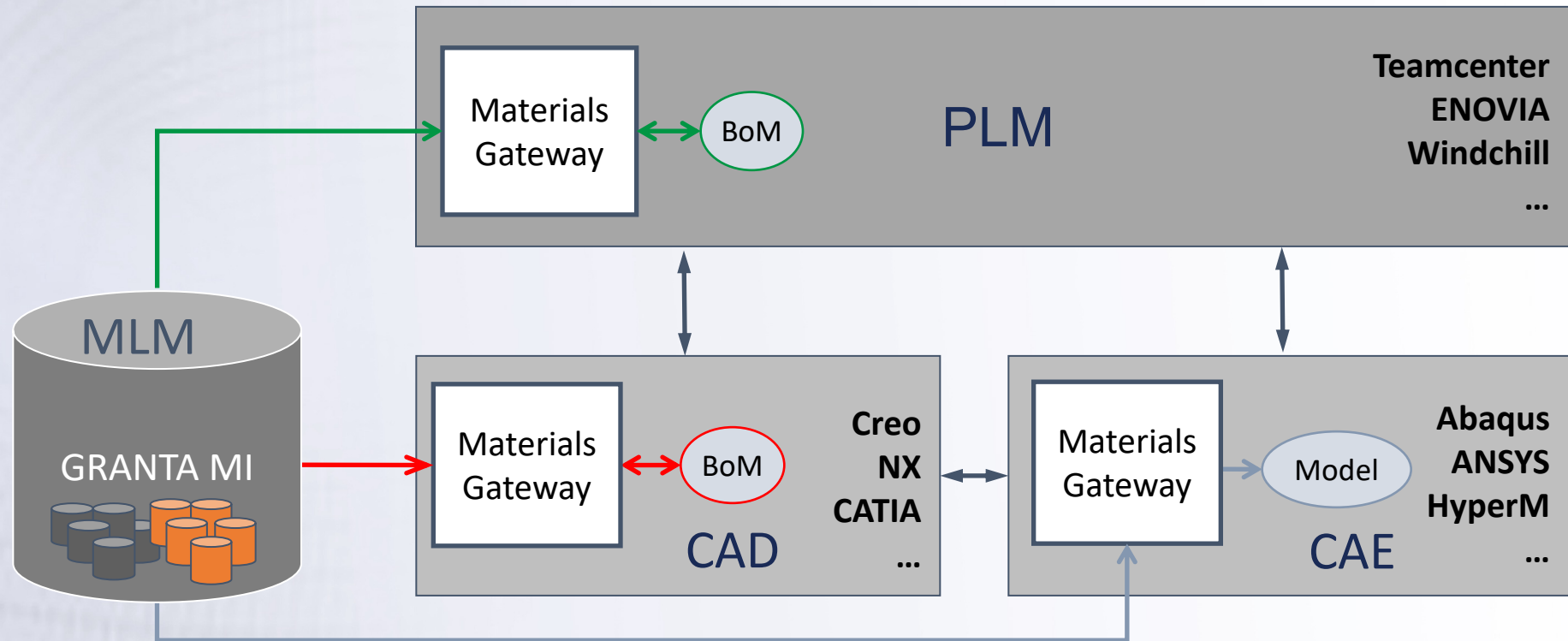




# Structural Engineers Benefit From Linkage Between MLM and Engineering Application Software



- **Manages product structure and lifecycle**
- **Focus on materials used directly in products**



**Manages lifecycle and information on all materials**

**This ensures that structural designers are using “gold standard” material properties that have been approved by organization**

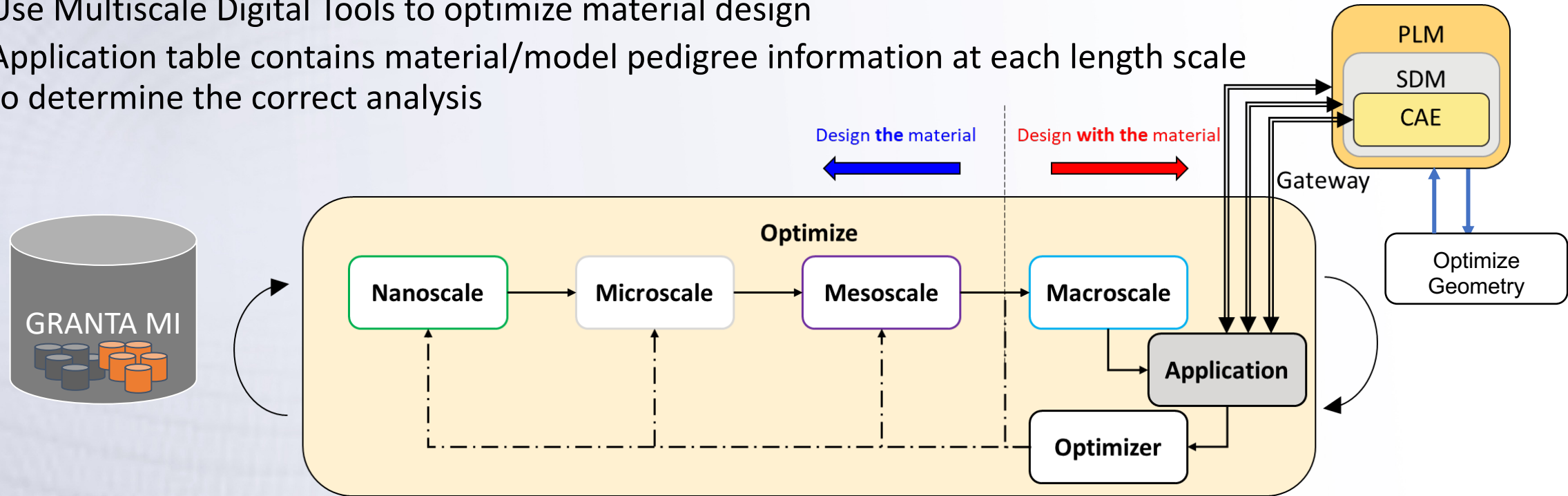


# Application Table in Orchestrating ICME

## *Fit-for-Purpose Material Design*

### • ICME Design

- Design the material for a specific application from processing through performance (fit-for-purpose)
- Use Multiscale Digital Tools to optimize material design
- Application table contains material/model pedigree information at each length scale to determine the correct analysis



- Re-evaluate the requirements locally with periodic global (structural – PLM/SDM) updates

Remember the two important key words in ICME being

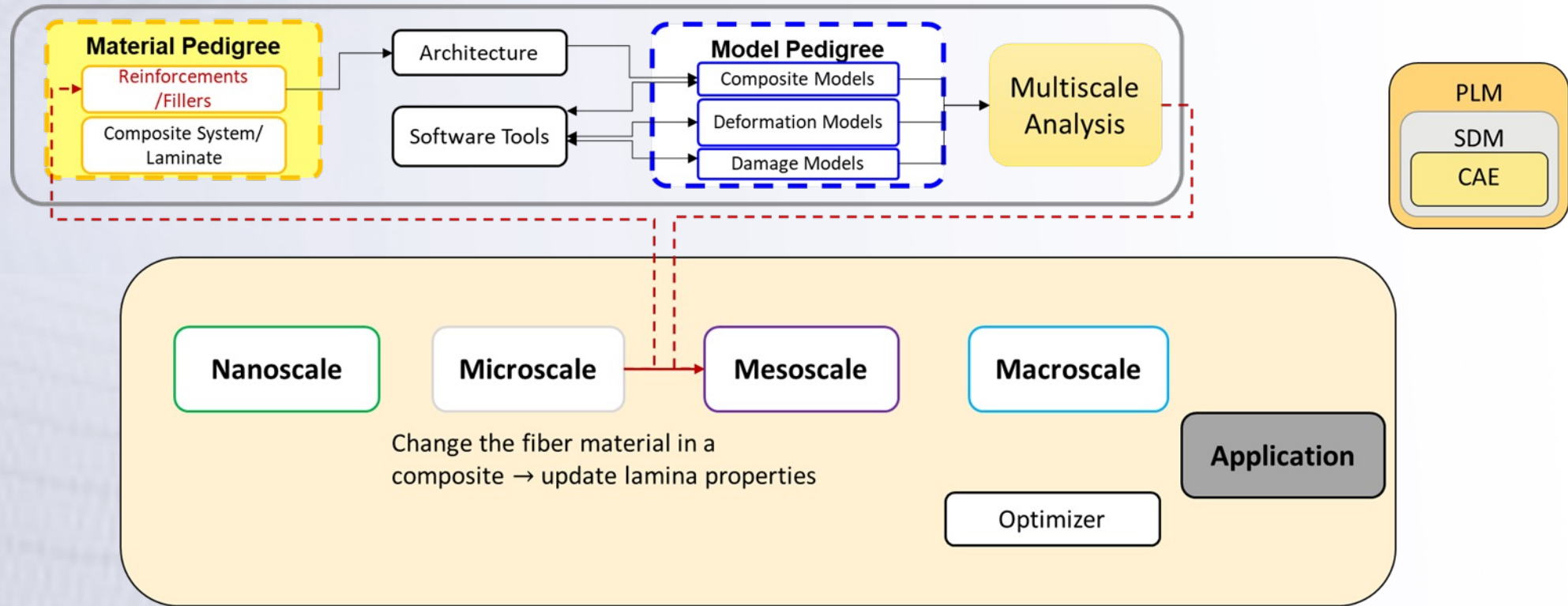
- 1) **Integrated** wherein processing histories, influence internal structure, which in turn drive properties, which then drive performance and
- 2) **Engineering** which signifies industrial utility!

# Application Table in Orchestrating ICME

Illustrate with Example in which the **fiber reinforcement of a composite material** used for a structural component is varied

- Consider changing the material characteristics at lower scales
- Optimization can either change material choice, processing method, or structural design
  - Designing **the material** for the **application**

Automation of read/write and tool execution in background

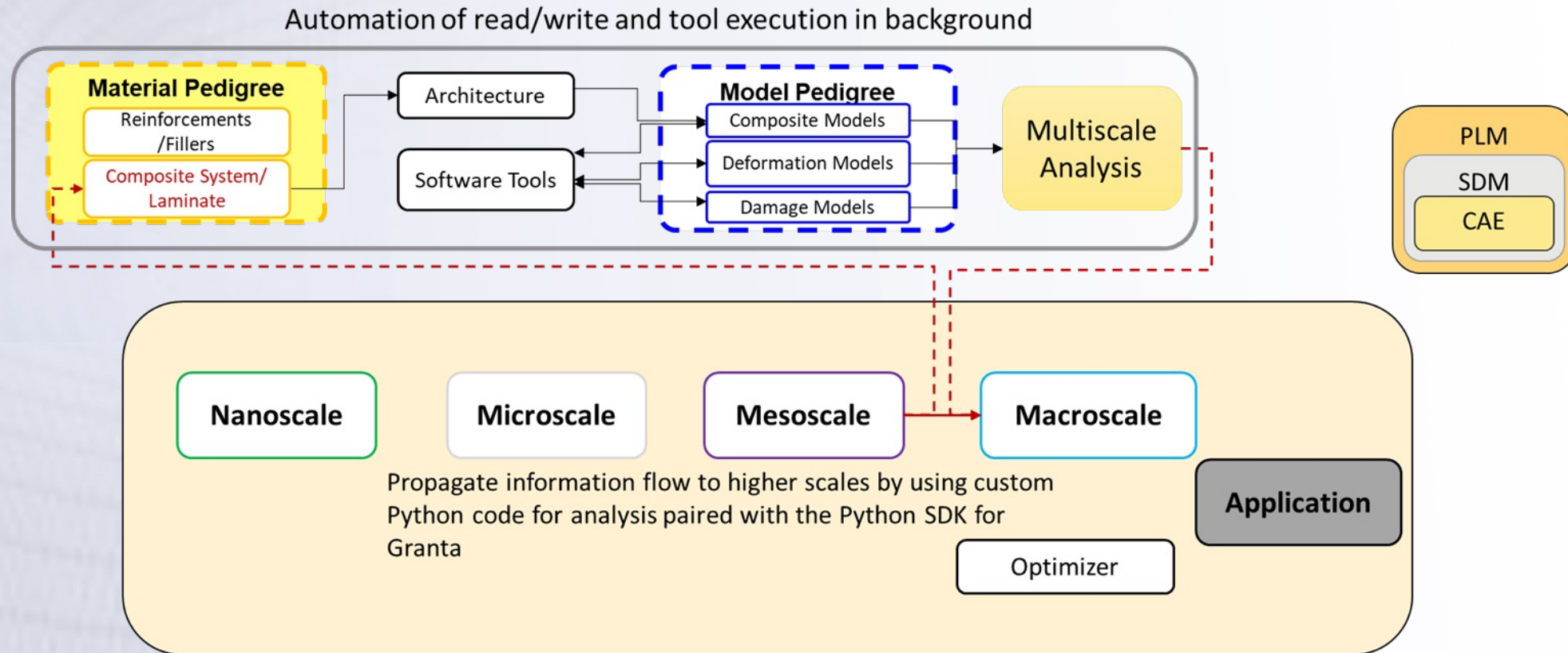




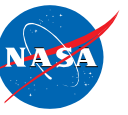
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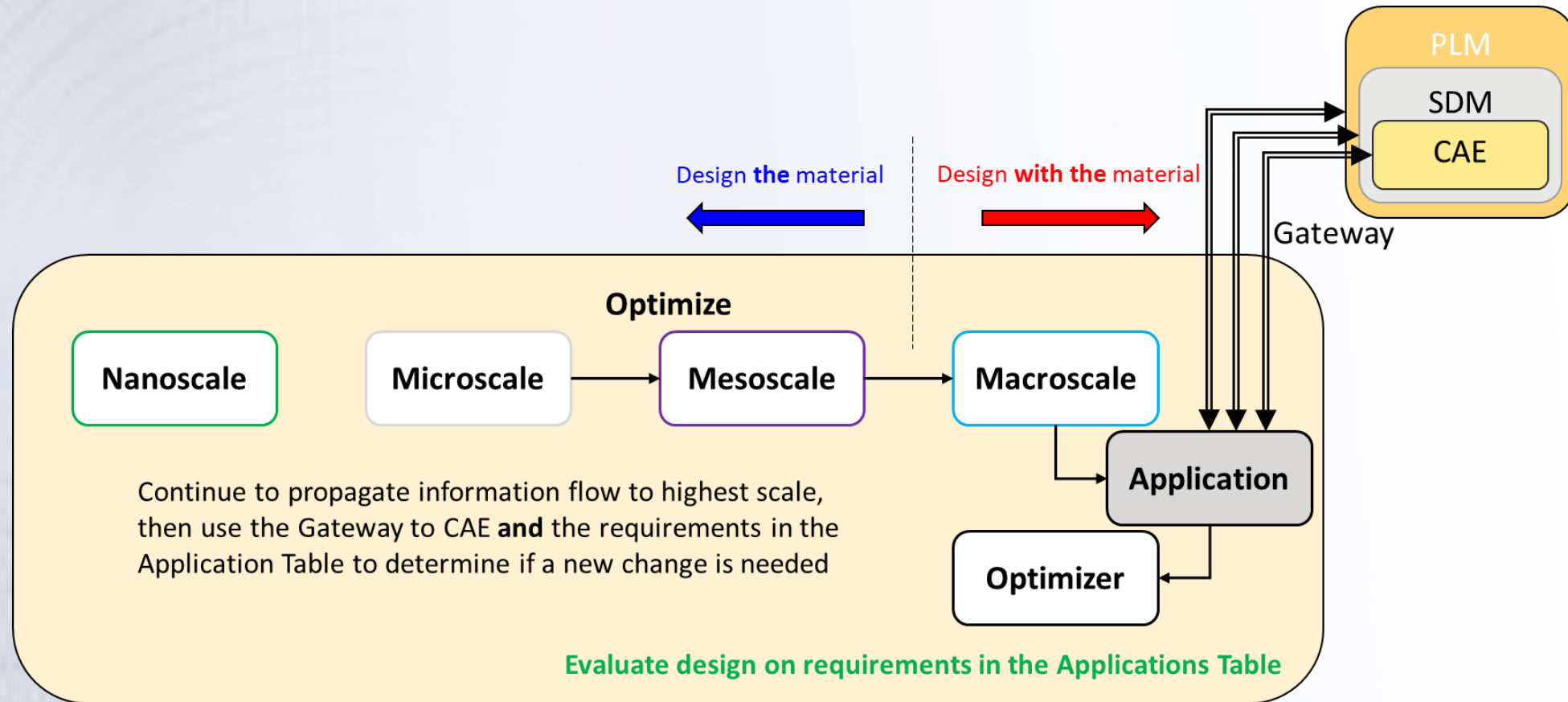
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# Conclusion/Summary

- ICME enables the design of optimized materials, systems, and manufacturing processes in a concurrent manner
  - Vast improvement over traditional material selection
  - Connects material (design the-material) and structural (design with-the-material) viewpoints
- **Application Table** *bridges the gap* between the two paradigms
  - Provides performance requirements, evaluation criteria, and engineering (geometric, manufacturing etc.) requirements necessary for material/structural design
  - Maintains the digital thread and material digital twins (spatial and temporal property definition)
- **Application Table** serves a critical role in concurrent ICME optimization for design of “fit-for-purpose” materials and applications
- The **Application Table** has been **critical missing link** in a robust information system for ICME as it provides the bridge between the material and structural paradigms.



See Arnold S.M, Hearley, B. L., Cebon, D.; “Application Table: A Bridge Connecting the Designing “With-the-Material” and “the-Material” Paradigms”, **NASA/TM-20220018403** for more details



# ***Thank You for Your Attention***



## ***Integrate Don't Duplicate***

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